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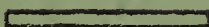
HEALTH AND SANITARY

——— CONDITION ———

OF THE

Rural District of Glendale

For Year ending Dec. 31st, 1950



MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT, 1950

The area of Glendale is 147,695 acres. The resident population according to the Registrar-General's estimate was 7,661, a decrease of 26 from 1949.

The rateable value of the district in 1950 was £30,153, and a 1d. rate in the £ was £128.8.9.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

The chief industry in the area is agriculture and also quarrying for gravel. There was practically no unemployment during the year. There were 13 houses built during the year, 4 by private enterprise and 50 temporary dwellings were completed during the year.

The vital statistics for the year 1950 are as follows:—

		Total	Male	Female	Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated population, 15.4
Live Births	Legitimate	116	51	65	
	Illegitimate	2	2	—	
		118	53	65	
Still Births	Legitimate	5	4	1	Rate per 1,000 of estimated population, 0.65
	Illegitimate	—	—	—	
		5	4	1	
Deaths	... ..	82	37	45	Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated population, 10.7

Deaths from Puerperal causes:—

Puerperal Sepsis	... ..	Nil
Other Puerperal causes	... ..	Nil

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age:—

All infants per 1,000 live births	... ..	16.9
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 births	... ..	Nil
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	... ..	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	... ..	Nil
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	... ..	6
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	... ..	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	... ..	Nil

GENERAL PROVISION FOR HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

There is one part-time Medical Officer of Health for the area and one full-time Sanitary Inspector.

Laboratory Facilities

Specimens for bacteriological analysis are sent to the County Bacteriologist and specimens for Chemical analysis to the County Analyst.

Ambulance Facilities

There is a 24-hour Ambulance Service in Wooler which is carried out by the County Ambulance Officer under the County Medical Officer of Health.

Nursing in the Home

There are no practising Registered Midwives in the district. The needs of the population for nursing attention in their homes, are met by several District Nurses under the supervision of the County Medical Officer of Health. There are 2 Health Visitors for the area.

Treatment Centre and Clinic

There is a Child Welfare Clinic in Wooler which is held once a fortnight under the supervision of the Medical Officer of Health and the Health Visitor.

Hospitals

There is no hospital in the area, arrangements having been made for the admission of patients to either Berwick or Alnwick Infirmarys. There is no Isolation Hospital for the area.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES FOR THE AREA

Full details of these are contained in the attached report of the Sanitary Inspector.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

There was a mild epidemic of Measles during the year, but few complications and no deaths. Diptheria immunisation was carried out during the year both at the Child Welfare Clinic and in the schools in the area. Detailed records are kept by the County Medical Officer.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1950

Diseases					Total Cases Notified	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	3	3	—
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	9	—	—
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	2	2	—
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	10	—	1
Other diseases notifiable:—							
Chicken Pox	...	...	...	...	46	—	—
Measles	...	...	...	...	121	—	—
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	43	—	—

Age Group	Pneu- monia	Chicken Pox	Whoop- ing Cough	Measles	Acute Polio- myelitis	Scarlet Fever	Dysen- try
Under 1 year	3	1	—	2	—	—	—
1 year	—	6	8	10	1	—	—
3	—	2	8	20	1	1	—
5	1	28	21	63	—	1	3
10	—	4	4	16	—	—	—
15	2	3	1	4	1	—	3
25	—	2	1	6	—	—	—
45	3	—	—	—	—	—	2
Over 65	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Total	10	46	43	121	3	2	9

NOTIFICATION OF TUBERCULOSIS, 1950

Age Periods	New Cases		Deaths	
	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory
0	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	—	—
5	—	1	—	—
15	1	—	—	—
25	—	—	—	—
35	1	—	—	—
45	—	—	—	—
55	—	—	—	—
Over 65	—	—	—	—
Total	2	1	—	—

The Annual report of the Sanitary Inspector is attached hereto together with the tables of the Registrar-General giving the birth-rate and death-rate and various causes of death and analysis of the year.

A. N. BOUSFIELD,
Medical Officer of Health.

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1950

Causes of Death								M.	F.
All Causes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37	45
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Cancer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3
Intracranial Vascular Lesion				...	...	...	...	7	10
Heart Disease	...	...		...	...	...	...	17	21
Other Circulatory Diseases				...	...	...	...	1	3
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Nephritis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Violence other than suicide				2	—
Acute Poliomyelitis		—	1
All other causes	4	2

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VITAL STATISTICS

Birth-rates, Death-rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Mortality,
and Case-rates for Certain Infectious Diseases in the Year 1950.
Provisional figures based on Quarterly Returns.

	England and Wales	126 C.B.s and Great Towns, including London	148 Smaller Towns (Resident Populations 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 Census)	London Adminis- trative County
Births:—	Rates per 1,000 Home Population			
Live births	15.8	17.6	16.7	17.8
Still births	0.37	0.45	0.38	0.36
Deaths:—				
All Causes	11.6	12.3	11.6	11.8
Typhoid and Para- typhoid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Whooping Cough ...	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Diphtheria	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tuberculosis	0.36	0.42	0.33	0.39
Influenza	0.10	0.09	0.10	0.07
Smallpox	—	—	—	—
Acute poliomyelitis (including polio- encephalitis) ...	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01
Pneumonia	0.46	0.49	0.45	0.48
Notifications (Corrected):—				
Typhoid Fever	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Paratyphoid Fever	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Meningococcal in- fection	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03
Scarlet Fever	1.50	1.56	1.61	1.23
Whooping Cough ...	3.60	3.97	3.15	3.21
Diphtheria	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.03
Erysipelas	0.17	0.19	0.16	0.17
Smallpox	0.00	0.00	—	—
Measles	8.39	8.76	8.36	6.57
Pneumonia	0.70	0.77	0.61	0.50
Acute poliomyelitis (including polio- encephalitis)				
Paralytic	0.13	0.12	0.11	0.08
Non - paralytic	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.05
Food Poisoning ...	0.17	0.16	0.14	0.25
Deaths:—	Rates per 1,000 Live Births			
All causes under 1 year of age	29.8 (a)	33.8	29.4	26.3
Enteritis and Diarrhoea under 2 years of age ...	1.9	2.2	1.6	1.0
Notifications (Corrected)	Rates per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births			
Puerperal Fever and Pyrexia	5.81	7.43	4.33	6.03

(a) Per 1,000 related live births.

Maternal Mortality in England and Wales

International List No. and cause	Rates per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births	Rates per million women aged 15-44
651 Abortion with Sepsis ...	0.09	7
650,652 Other abortion ...	0.05	4
640-649, 670-678 Complica- tion of pregnancy and delivery	0.54	
681 Sepsis of childbirth and the puerperium	0.03	
680, 682-689. Other com- plications of the puer- perium	0.15	

General Register Office,
(Statistical Division),
Somerset House,
London, W.C.2.

SANITARY INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR'S REPORT

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1950.

DAIRIES

There is now one dairy within the area controlled by you under the terms of the Milk and Dairy Regulation, 1949. There are two retail distributors of milk registered by the Local Authority under the terms of the above regulation. Milk samples at the average of one per month are taken, these have proved satisfactory.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

In May a second refuse vehicle commenced work. This was a 10 yd. vehicle and bigger than the one already in use.

The Public Cleansing Service has now been extended to 75 per cent. of your area. It is being increased slightly as more houses transfer to water carriage system of drainage. The service provided is only removal of dustbin refuse.

A ready response was met with from owners, agents and occupiers to provide dustbins. It will be seen elsewhere that a total of 631 dustbins was provided initially, other than renewals, through the Council. The service is much appreciated by all receiving its benefits, and already scattered and unsightly tips are disappearing from the countryside.

During the year a Public Enquiry was held into an application for the Compulsory Purchase of Scott's Quarry, Wooler, for a Central Refuse Depot. Later in the year the Ministry of Health confirmed the order to purchase.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

I would repeat the remarks I made in my 1949 report, that slaughtering is being carried out with great difficulty. It is impossible to carry on slaughtering to comply with the terms of the Slaughtering of Animals Act, 1933. It is again urged that agreement be reached with the Ministry of Food, to carry out improvements to the Slaughter House as suggested in my 1949 report.

A great step forward was made when an insulated meat van was provided at the end of the year for transport of carcasses and meat from the Slaughter House to various parts of the district. The van is insulated against extremes of climatic conditions and is lined out with material giving an easily cleansed surface. Provision is made for the hanging of carcasses and offals so that stacking is obviated.

WATER SUPPLIES

I should like to remark upon the disappointment experienced because of the delay in the approval of water schemes to various parts of the district. It is put on record that the Branxton Supply was prepared and put forward in 1948 and was not approved until 1950. The Wark Water Supply Scheme has taken three years from the time of submitting to the Ministry of Health, until its approval at the end of this year.

Large areas are still without a satisfactory water supply, particularly an area in Lilburn and East Lilburn parishes and parts of Mindrum parish.

SEWERAGE

During the year approval was given to the Council's proposals for provision of sewers and Sewage Disposal Works at Chatton. Approval to the Council's proposals to sewer Wark Village is still

in abeyance after nearly three years.

Until these services are provided housing proposals cannot be put into effect.

HOUSING

During the year 6 houses were completed by the Council with State Aid, 3 houses were completed with the aid of subsidies provided by the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1946. Four houses were built unaided by private enterprise. A further 50 temporary dwellings were completed on the South Plain and Green Drive sites at Milfield. Whilst the accommodation provided here cannot by any means be said to be satisfactory, the housing shortage has been alleviated as an immediate evil.

The Rural Housing Survey was completed during the year. There is at least 20 years' work ahead in improving housing standards. As brought to light by this Survey I am most alarmed, that with Licensing Restrictions it is impossible to keep abreast of normal wastage and dilapidation of property. With the passing of years the Housing problem will become more acute, as there will be more houses needing major works of repair.

During the year applications for Improvement Grants were received from owners in respect of 30 houses. All the applications were approved. It is put on record that this Council has I think, led the way with improvement Grants this year, through the country as a whole. This is proving a valuable contribution to housing in so far as it raises standards, although it is as yet, much too small to be noticed generally, due to the restrictions imposed.

BUILDING LICENSING

During the year licences totalling £26,616 were issued.

With the increase in the number of returns and figures to be supplied to Government Departments, this side of the work has increased greatly.

SALVAGE

A contract was made with a firm of Pulp Mills to supply Salvage Paper direct. Guaranteed prices were given with a guaranteed period of 5 years to look forward to. More salvage is likely to come forward with the second refuse vehicle being in operation. Your Salvage Officer has put in a great deal of work into making salvage arrangements a success. It is hoped that the public will show their response in 1951.

PEST CONTROL

In March of this year the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act came into operation. The Council are now the responsible authority for the enforcement of this Act for the destruction of rats and mice.

FACTORIES

There are 58 factories on the Factories Register and 84 visits were paid to them during the year. Generally speaking the conditions found were satisfactory.

FOOD HYGIENE

The Council adopted the Model Bye-laws with regard to handling wrapping and preparation of food for human consumption. These Bye-laws affect some 50 establishments within this district, although the standard of cleanliness found in some places visited, leaves much to be desired. In others the standard of hygiene maintained was very high. It is hoped in future, a great improvement will be made.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

ARTHUR R. FIELD,

Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor.

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle including cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	548	102	345	2033	42
Number inspected	548	102	345	2033	42
All diseases except tuberculosis. Whole carcasses condemned ...	8	—	4	120	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned	300	—	1	115	14
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with disease other than tuberculosis ...	56 %	—	1.4 %	11.5 %	33.3 %
Tuberculosis only. Whole carcasses condemned ...	7	—	—	—	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned	33	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with tuber- culosis	7.3 %	—	—	—	2.4 %

SUMMARY OF WORK EFFECTED

			By Informal Action	By Statutory Notice	TOTAL
Sanitary Conveniences	Privies and Privy Ashpits abolished		41	—	41
	Privies and Privy ashpits repaired		—	—	—
	Pail-Closets abolished	... ..	14	—	14
	Water Closets provided	... ..	55	—	55
	Number of above for which grant was given, P.H.A., 1936, S.47		6	—	6
	Sanitary bins provided	... ..	631	—	631
	Sanitary bins renewed	... ..	63	—	63
Drainage	New drains constructed		68	—	68
	Drains repaired or reconstructed		103	—	103
	Additional gullies provided		—	—	—
	Old gullies replaced	... ..	—	—	—
	Scullery sinks provided	... ..	120	—	120
	Scullery waste-pipes repaired		84	—	84
	Scullery waste-pipes trapped		—	—	—
	Yards repaired or reconstructed		25	—	25
Water Supply	Sources closed or discontinued		5	No. of houses	34
	New service provided:				
	(a) By Local Authority	.....	—	No. of houses	7
	(b) By Private Owner	.....	6	No. of houses	6
	Number of dwelling houses supplied by		(a) internal tap or	.....	1582
			(b) standpipe	.....	530

FOOD INSPECTION

UNSOUND FOOD		Surrendered	Seized	Legal Proceedings
1. Beef (Home-killed)	Stones	1060	Nil	Nil
2. Beef (Imported)	„	—	—	—
3. Mutton (Home-killed)	„	549	—	—
4. Mutton (Imported)	„	—	—	—
5. Pork (Home-killed)	„	44	—	—
6. Pork (Imported)	„	—	—	—
7. Game	Lbs.	—	—	—
8. Poultry	„	—	—	—
9. Fish	„	—	—	—
10. Fruit	Lbs. or Cases	3 lbs.	—	—
11. Canned Goods	Tins or Cases	324 lbs.	—	—
12. Bacon	Lbs.	81 lbs.	—	—
13. Cheese	„	8½ lbs.	—	—
14. Butter	„	—	—	—
15. Lard	„	—	—	—
16. Eggs		—	—	—
17. Other Foods		240 lbs.	—	—

FOOD INSPECTION

Is there a Ministry of Food slaughter house within the district? If so, what area is supplied by it?

Yes—Glendale and Rothbury R.D.C.s Area.

MILK REGULATIONS, 1949

Number of Registered Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	1
Number of Registered Distributors	...	...	...	...	...	2

GLENDALE RURAL DISTRICT

Inspector, A. R. FIELD

	Housing						
	Number of Inspections during year	Number of Defects or Contraventions of Bye-Laws.	Number of Informal Notices served.	Defects remedied by informal action.	Number of Statutory Notices served.	Defects remedied after Statutory Notice.	Legal Proceedings
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Structural Defects (Summary of Sheet II) ...	798	780	3	780	—	—	—
Defective Food-store ...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...
Dampness ...	121	118	4	118	—	—	—
Overcrowding ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Water Supply							
Insufficient ...	530	6	—	6	—	—	—
Unsatisfactory ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Drainage							
Insufficient ...	120	16	—	16	—	—	—
Defective ...	4	4	—	4	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences							
Insufficient ...	16	13	13	13	—	—	—
Defective ...	21	21	21	21	—	—	—
Food Premises ...	16	12	—	12	—	—	—
Shop Acts ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dairies ...	60	4	—	4	—	—	—
Slaughter Houses ...	284	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tents, Vans, etc. ...	22	20	—	20	—	—	—
Offensive Trades ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Factories and Workplaces ...	61	7	—	7	—	—	—
Keeping of Animals ...	4	4	—	4	—	—	—
Insanitary Ashpits and Receptacles ...	55	55	—	55	—	—	—
Offensive Accumulations ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Smoke Nuisances ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	2112	1060	41	1060	—	—	—

HOUSING

Tabular Statement for Year 1950

Houses Completed during the year	With State Assistance	Unaided	Total
(a) By Local Authority } Permanent	6	—	6
} Temporary	51	—	51
(b) By other Bodies or } Permanent	3	4	7
} Temporary	—	—	—

1. RURAL HOUSING SURVEY

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

Category	Classification	Number
1	Satisfactory in all respects	254
2	Minor Defects	252
3	Requiring repair, structural alterations or improvement	41
4	Appropriate for reconditioning under Housing (Rural Workers) Acts	395
5	Unfit for habitation and beyond repair at reasonable expense	483

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES:

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by Local Authority or its officers ... 103

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS:

(A) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... Nil
- (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—
- | | | | |
|---|-----|---|-----|
| (a) By owners | ... | } | Nil |
| (b) By Local Authorities in default of owners | ... | | |

(B) Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... Nil
- (2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:—
- | | | | |
|---|-----|---|-----|
| (a) By owners | ... | } | Nil |
| (b) By local Authority in default of owners | ... | | |

(C) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of Housing Act, 1936.

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|---|------------|
| (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made | Nil |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders | Nil |
| (3) Number of dwelling houses closed but not demolished (H.A., 1949, S.3) | Nil |

(D) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

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|---|------------|
| (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made | ... Nil |
| (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit | Nil |

4. NUMBER OF HOUSES PERMANENTLY DISCONTINUED AS DWELLINGS AND NOT INCLUDED ABOVE ... Nil

HOUSING ACT, 1949 (SEC. 20)

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|--|--------|
| (a) Number of separate dwelling houses in respect of which applications for grant have been received | ... 30 |
| (b) Number of separate dwelling houses in respect of which applications for grant have been approved | ... 30 |

LIST OF BYE-LAWS IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT

Date of adoption	Name of Bye-law
9-12-37	Building Bye-laws.
20-4-50	Bye-laws as to Food Handling, wrapping, etc.
20-10-27	Tents, Vans and Sheds and Similar Structures. (In Wooler Parish Only)

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Has public cleansing been adopted throughout the district? No.

If for part of the district, please state area covered and approximate number of houses served.	Whole of Rural District except for Outby Areas. 82 per cent. of Houses have Weekly or Fortnightly Service. i.e. 1900 out of 2300.
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Total No. of houses to be sur- veyed	R.V. limit of houses within survey	STATE OF SURVEY			Total No. of houses sur- veyed to 31.12.50	CLASSIFICATION OF HOUSES SURVEYED— NUMBER AND PERCENTAGES					Total of Columns I to V less IV	Houses con- demned but oc- cupied under licence	Over- crowded houses	Applica- tions for new houses
		Com- pleted	In pro- gress	Not yet com- menced		I	II	III	IV	V				
2229	£20	2229	—	—	2229	282	401	122	797	627	2229	28	Figures fluctuate due to agric. pop. moving	No list kept (see Note)

NOTE—When houses are available for letting, advertisements inviting applications for tenancies are placed in the local Press.
This method maintains a “live” list showing need in each area.

Classification:—

- I Satisfactory in all respects.
- II Minor defects. Cost under £100.
- III Requiring repair, structural alteration or improvement.
Cost of works over £100.
- IV Appropriate for reconditioning, Housing Act 1949.
- V Unfit for habitation and beyond repair at a reasonable cost.

FORM/S OF SURVEY. Parish by Parish.

Standard of Survey		Method of Inspection			IMPROVEMENT GRANTS — HOUSING ACT, 1949				
Under Housing Act (Legal Standard)	“County” Standard	De-tailed	Brief	Com-promise	Applications dealt with by R.D.C.s				
					Applications submitted to Regional Office of Ministry				
					Received	Approved	Rejected	Under consideration	No. under consideration
—	—	—	—	—	30	30	—	25	25

